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1. In October 1952, source learned that the border police regiment of the Volkspolizei (VP) stationed in Halberstadt was commanded by Lieutenant Colonel Harald Lange who simultaneously functioned as town commander. The regiment was organized into a headquarters company and a replacement training battalion which were quartered at the former airfield on Klusberg south of Halberstadt and into three battalions located in Luetgenrode, Dedeleben and Ohrsleben. The battalion in Luetgenrode was commanded by Major Schieck (fmu) and the battalion in Dedeleben by Captain Zierfeld (fmu). Junior Lieutenant Kurt Meyer was the adjutant of the regimental commander. He previously was assigned to the SED Landesvorstand in Halle.¹
2. The border sector of the regiment extended from about the southern edge of Lt Trocken to Marienborn. The battalion in Luetgenrode had kommandos in company or platoon strength in Abbenrode, Wulperode and Rhoden and the battalion in Dedeleben had such kommandos in Veltheim, Dedeleben and Pabstdorf.
3. The regiment was subordinate to the Ministry for State Security in Berlin. A Soviet lieutenant colonel wearing German uniform was assigned to the German commanding officer.
4. The regiment was armed with Soviet rifles and machine guns and models 08 and "alter 76.5-mm pistols. It was equipped with model F-9 DKF jeeps, 4.5-ton model Ifa Horch Diesel personnel carriers, HM sedans, and 350 and 750-ccm BMW motorcycles with sidecar drive. The personnel wore olive drab uniforms with dark-green service color.²

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1. [REDACTED] Comment. The regiment probably is the Deutsche Grenzpolizei Bereitschaft (DGPB) which is known from previous reports. The terms regiment and battalion are used for the first time in connection with the border police and need to be confirmed. The three battalions committed at the border most probably are kommandanturen. However, a kommando has been carried in Ohrsleben and a kommandantur in Walsleben.

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2. [REDACTED] Comment. The green service color on the new uniform of the border police was repeatedly observed.

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